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For: RECOMBINANT PLANT GENOME, COMPRISING SPECIFIC CHICORY
GENES AND A NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE CONFERRING
MALE STERILITY, AND ITS USE

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on November 7, 2000, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

12. (new) A recombinant plant genome comprising at least one chicory gene and a
nucleotide sequence conferring male sterility borne by sunflower orf 522 sequence or by a
male-sterility-conferring sequence with at least 50% homology with the sunflower orf 522
sequence.

13. (new) A mitochondrion comprising a recombinant genome of claim 12.

14. (new) A mitochondrion of claim 13, wherein the sunflower orf 522 sequence